

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

5 1. (currently amended) A search method, comprising the operations steps

of:

a browser receiving a user's query and submitting the query to a search  
engine;

the browser receiving from the search engine a results list of at least one  
10 item of search results arising from the query where each said item  
is associated with at least one site, the browser further displaying  
the results list;

the browser providing a selection mechanism programmed to receive user  
input identifying one or more items of search results from among  
15 the displayed results list;

responsive to the browser receiving user input via the selection  
mechanism, the browser preparing a search cart list including the  
identified items of search results;

the browser displaying of the search cart list and providing the user with  
20 access to sites associated with the identified items of search results  
directly from the displayed search cart list without the user having  
to operate the browser to navigate back to the displayed results list  
and select an item of search results therefrom.

receiving a query to a search engine from a user;

returning a first list of search results in response to said query, said search results each being associated with at least one site;

providing a selection mechanism within said first list that allows said user to identify search results of interest from among those search results within said first list;

5 receiving selection mechanism input from said user, said selection mechanism input identifying search results of interest from among those search results within said first list;

adding said identified search results of interest to a second list in response to said input received from said user;

10 providing said user said second list of search results comprising said search results of interest; and

allowing said user to visit sites associated with said search results of interest from said second list without having to select and return to

15 said first list of search results.

2. (currently-amended) The method of Claim 1,

where the operation of the browser displaying the search cart list is conducted responsive to user request.

20 wherein said search method is implemented in a user client.

3. (currently-amended) The method of Claim 2, Claim 1,

where the operation of providing a selection mechanism comprises one of:  
providing a selection mechanism built-in to the browser, providing a  
selection mechanism that is an add-on to the browser,  
wherein said user client is a browser.

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4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1,

where the operation of submitting the query to a search engine comprises  
submitting the query to a search engine of Internet web sites,  
wherein said method is implemented in a server.

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5. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said selection mechanism input is generated responsive to a mouse-over click.

15 6. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said search cart  
second list is any of a pull down and a side bar.

7. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said selection mechanism comprises a separate checkbox associated with each item of said  
displayed results list, of said search results in said first list.

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8. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the  
operation step of:

providing an edit facility for entries made to said search cart second list.

9. (original) The method of Claim 8, said edit facility providing functionality for any of editing entries, clearing all entries, and clearing individual sites.

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10. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said search comprises any of a content search, file search, and a database search.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the

10 operation step of:

saving entries in said search cart second list in chronological order, where most recent sites are displayed at a top of said search cart second list.

15 12. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said search cart second list comprises a temporary queue in which entries are not saved across search sessions.

13. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the

20 operation step of:

responsive to receiving user designation of selected entries within said  
search cart list, transferring said selected entries to a nonvolatile  
bookmarks list to preserve information related to said selected  
entries after a current search session has ended.

said user designating selected entries within said second list for transfer to a bookmarks list to save information related to said selected entries for use after a current search session has ended.

5 14. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said search method is implemented in a search portal.

15. (currently amended) A search apparatus, comprising:  
first browser means for receiving a user's query and submitting the query  
to a search engine;  
second browser means for receiving from the search engine a results list  
of at least one item of search results arising from the query where  
each said item is associated with at least one site, and further  
displaying the results list;  
a selection mechanism means for receiving user input identifying one or  
more items of search results from among the displayed results list;  
third browser means responsive to receiving user input via the selection  
mechanism means for preparing a search cart list including the  
identified items of search results;  
fourth browser means for displaying the search cart list and providing the  
user with access to sites associated with the identified items of  
search results directly from the displayed search cart list without the

user having to navigate back to the displayed results list and select an item of search results therefrom.

means for receiving a query to a search engine from a user;

means for returning a first list of search results to said user in response to  
5                   said query, said search results each associated with at least one  
                  site;

a selection mechanism within said first list that allows said user to identify  
                  search results of interest from among those search results within  
                  said first list;

10                  means for receiving selection mechanism input from said user, said  
                  selection mechanism input identifying search results of interest  
                  from among those search results within said first list;

means for adding said identified search results of interest to a second list  
                  in response to said input received from said user;

15                  means for providing said user said second list of search results comprising  
                  said search results of interest; and

means for allowing said user to visit sites associated with said search  
                  results of interest from said second list without having to select and  
                  return to said first list of search results.

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16. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 15,

where the fourth browser means displays the search cart list responsive to  
user request.

~~wherein said search apparatus is implemented in a user client.~~

17. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 16, Claim 15,  
where the selection mechanism means is one of the following: built-in to a  
5 browser, an add-on to a browser,  
wherein said user client is a browser.

18. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 15,  
where the first browser means comprises means for submitting the query  
10 to a search engine of Internet web sites,  
wherein said search apparatus is implemented in a server.

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19. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said  
selection mechanism input is generated responsive to a mouse-over click.

20. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search  
cart second list is any of a pull down and a side bar.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 15 wherein said  
20 selection mechanism means comprises a separate checkbox associated with  
each item of said displayed results list. of said search results in said first list.

22. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising:

an edit facility for entries made to said search cart second list.

23. (original) The apparatus of Claim 22, said edit facility providing functionality for any of editing entries, clearing all entries, and clearing individual sites.

24. (original) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search comprises any of a content search, file search, and a database search.

10 25. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising: means for saving entries in said search cart second list in chronological order, where most recent sites are displayed at a top of said search cart second list.

15 26. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search cart second list comprises a temporary queue in which entries are not saved across search sessions.

20 27. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising: means responsive to receiving user designation of selected entries within said search cart list for transferring said selected entries to a nonvolatile bookmarks list to preserve information related to said selected entries after a current search session has ended.

means for said user designating selected entries within said second list for transfer to a bookmarks list to save information related to said selected entries for use after a current search session has ended.

5 28. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search apparatus is implemented in a search portal.

29. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing a computer program product for robustly searching, the computer program product 10 comprising:

program code to receive a user's query and submitting the query to a search engine;  
program code to receive from the search engine a results list of at least one item of search results arising from the query where each said item is associated with at least one site, and further display the results list;  
program code to receive user input identifying one or more items of search results from among the displayed results list;  
program code responsive to the user input identifying one or more items of search results to prepare a search cart list including the identified items of search results;  
program code to display the search cart list and provide the user with access to sites associated with the identified items of search results

directly from the displayed search cart list without the user having to navigate back to the displayed results list and select an item of search results therefrom.

program code for receiving a query to a search engine from a user;

5 program code for returning a first list of search results in response to said query, said search results each being associated with at least one site;

program code for providing a selection mechanism within said first list that allows said user to identify search results of interest from among 10 these search results within said first list;

program code for receiving selection mechanism input from said user said selection mechanism input identifying search results of interest from among these search results within said first list;

program code for adding said identified search results of interest to a 15 second list in response to said input received from said user;

program code for providing said user said second list of search results comprising said search results of interest; and

program code for allowing said user to visit sites associated with said 20 search results of interest from said second list without having to select and return to said first list of search results.

30. (new) An enhanced search method operable in an environment where a browser receives a user's query and submits the query to a search

engine, and the browser receives from the search engine a results list of at least one item of search results arising from the query, where each said item is associated with at least one site, and the browser further displays the results list, the search method comprising operations of:

- 5        the browser providing a selection mechanism programmed to receive user input identifying one or more items of search results from among the displayed results list;  
responsive to the browser receiving user input via the selection mechanism, the browser preparing a search cart list including the identified items of search results;
- 10        the browser displaying the search cart list and providing the user with access to sites associated with the identified items of search results directly from the displayed search cart list without the user having to operate the browser to navigate back to the displayed results list
- 15        and select an item of search results therefrom.

31. (new) A method for enhancing operation of a computer-implemented browser programmed to receive a user's query and submit the query to a search engine, receive from the search engine a results list of at least one item of search results arising from the query where each said item is associated with at least one site, and display the results list, the method comprising operations of:  
modifying the browser by incorporating additional programming operable when executed by a computer to perform operations comprising:

the browser providing a selection mechanism programmed to receive user input identifying one or more items of search results from among the displayed results list;

responsive to the browser receiving user input via the selection mechanism, the browser preparing a search cart list including the identified items of search results;

the browser displaying the search cart list and providing the user with access to sites associated with the identified items of search results directly from the displayed search cart list without the user having to operate the browser to navigate back to the displayed results list and select an item of search results therefrom.

32. (new) The method of claim 31, where the operation of modifying the browser comprises downloading a client-side extension comprising one of the following: a plug-in, an XML applet, a Java applet, a JavaScript applet.